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## (54) PRODUCTION OF 2-FLUOROCYCLOPROPANECARBOXYLIC ACID

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To readily obtain the compound which is an intermediate for new quinolone derivatives in good yield by treating a 2-fluoro-2-halogenocyclopropanecarboxylic acid with an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal in the presence of a hydrogen source.

CONSTITUTION: The objective method for producing 2-fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acid of formula II comprises treating a 2-fluoro-1-

halogenocyclopropanecarboxylic acid of formula I (X is Cl, Br or I) (X is especially preferably Cl) with an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal (Li, Na, K, Mg or Ca is especially preferred) in the presence of a hydrogen source such as water or an alcohol. The dehalogenation can be carried out while suppressing the inversion of the steric configuration of a substituent group on the carbon atom to which F is bonded according to this method.

The reaction is carried out by using especially calcium as the metal, liquid ammonia as the solvent and water as the hydrogen source and especially preferably cooling the reactional mixture to the boiling point or below of the liquid ammonia.



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